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The Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, a NASA Center, is a non-academic division of Caltech with some 5000 full-time employees. Each year, as many as 600 undergraduate students from colleges and universities throughout the U. S. spend varying periods of time at JPL working in support of flight projects, technology development, and research. This workforce conveys a number of benefits to JPL and to NASA. Despite initial deficiencies in experience and skill, these talented undergraduates are able to accomplish significant work. Many of them accept full-time jobs at JPL following graduation. They represent important links to institutions with which JPL wants to maintain long-term intellectual partnerships. If they had good work experiences at JPL, even those who choose to follow other career paths leave with a better understanding and appreciation of the national space program and positive feelings about their contributions to it.

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